

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
to the
UTTOXETER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
for the year, 1937.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Utttoxeter Urban District Council.

I beg to submit the annual report on the Health and Sanitary
Circumstances of the Town of Utttoxeter for the year 1937.

The area of the district is	3,351 acres
Population (mid 1937)	6,776
Rateable Value	£33,262
Product of ld rate	£129

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN A. GUY. MB. ChB. D.P.H.

VITAL STATISTICS.

The total number of deaths registered of civilians only occurring
in the town during 1937 was 78 of which 35 were males and 43 females.

The death rate (crude) for 1937 was 10.5 per 1000 inhabitants
which compares favourably with the rate of 11.9 for towns of similar
size. It must be pointed out that these rates fluctuate more markedly
than the figures for England and Wales.

The Principal Causes of Death were.

All Causes.	M.	F.
Heart Disease.	6	12.
Cancer.	6	10
Other Circulatory Diseases.	1	7
Congenital Debility, Prematurity Etc.	4	1
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.	1	4
Cerebral Haemorrhage etc.	2	2
Other Defined Disorders.	6	0
Other Digestive Disorders.	2	0
Senility.	0	2
Pneumonia.	1	1
Acute Nephritides	0	1
Other Violence.	0	1
Diabetes	1	0
Bronchitis.	1	0
Other Respiratory Disorders.	1	0
Peptic Ulcer.	1	0
Influenza.	0	1
Other tuberculosis.	1	0
Cerebrospinal fever.	1	0
Total.-	35.	43.



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Deaths of Infants under 1 yr.

	M.	F.
Legitimate.	6	2
Illegitimate.	-	-
Total:	6.	2.

Births.

The total number of live births registered in the Urban District during the year 1937 was 116, of which 63 were males and 53 females.

The birth rate was 17.1 per 1000 population and compares favourably with the 15.3 for towns of similar size. The still birth rate was .8 pr. 1000 population. The figure for similar towns being .6.

Live Births.

	M.	F.
Legitimate	60	52
Illegitimate.	3	1.
	63	53.

Still Births.

	M.	F.
Legitimate	6	0
Illegitimate.	-	-
	6.	0.

Infectious Disease.

During 1937 an important change. was made in the arrangement for hospital treatment of cases of infectious disease. The Urban and Rural Districts became members of the Mid. Staffordshire Joint Hospital Board so that in due course all cases of infectious disease will be sent to a large central hospital. An important change was also made in the temporary arrangement for hospital treatment of infectious disease cases. The Urban and Rural Councils have agreed to pay Stone Joint Isolation Hospital Board a retaining fee in respect of 4 beds and this arrangement has worked satisfactorily during the past year. This means that in practice The majority of infectious disease cases are sent to Stone Isolation Hospital.

The total absence of diphtheria from the town during the year was gratifying. The diphtheria immunisation scheme continues to operate. This year 83 children were immunised, the procedure being carried out in conjunction with the County Council.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES; OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS DURING THE YEAR 1937.

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T U B E R C U L O S I S .

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1937.

AGE PERIODS.	New Cases.						Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non-respiratory		Respiratory		Non-respiratory.			
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
0										
1				2					1	
5										
15		1	1							
25		4				3				
35		1			1					
45	1	1				1				
55			1							
65										
Totals.	1	7	2	2	1	4	0		1	

Sewage.

The new sewage plant is now capable of dealing effectively with the town sewage.

Refuse Disposal.

The new refuse tip has not altogether been a complete success. The process itself has been completely devoid of nuisance but as the result of natural springs underneath the tip an offensive effluent has been carried down the land drains, and has given rise to complaints. The available space in the present tip is almost exhausted and a new site is essential.

Water Supply.

The water supply to the town is at present fairly satisfactory although during the peak periods of demand the higher parts of the town are without water. The growth of the town has now left little margin between supply and demand so that the whole question of water supply will require consideration in the near future.

Swimming Pool.

It was decided to close the present swimming pool on account of the difficulty of purifying the water effectively. The pool however has contributed largely to the amenities of the recreation ground and many children have learned to swim.

In view of the trend of national fitness there is a project to build a more suitable pool in the near future on a site near the north end of the recreation ground.

10th August 1938.

Surveyor's and Waterworks Department,

Town Hall,

UTTOXETER, STAFFS.

ANNUAL REPORT 1937.

To the Medical Officer of Health,
Uttoxeter Urban District Council.

Sir,

As required under the Regulations issued by the Ministry of Health, I have pleasure in submitting herewith particulars of the work carried out under the Inspector of Nuisances Department for the year ended 1937

1. Water Supply. During the past year additional electrically driven pumping plant has been installed at the Crumpwood Waterworks as a safeguard against the failure of the Turbines during the flood periods or extreme drought, and additional springs are to be collected. Watermains have been extended to meet the building development in various parts of the Town.

2. Drainage and Sewerage. The extensions to the Sewage Disposal Works are now completed and in operation, and are capable of dealing with all sewage in accordance with the Ministry of Health's requirements. Efforts are to be made to deal with any outside sources of pollution in connection with the streams and rivers.

3. (1) Closet Accommodation. The work of converting the existing privies and pail closets is being continued, and ashpits are being replaced with moveable Dustbins which are emptied weekly. A considerable number of privies and pail closets have been dispensed with owing to the work of demolition in connection with the Council's Slum Clearance Schemes.

(2) Public Cleansing.

(a) The method of collecting dry refuse is by means of covered motor vehicles.

(b) The method of collecting refuse from earth closets and privies is by means of a covered horse drawn vehicle.

(c) The method of disposing of dry house refuse is at a Public Tip which is worked on the method of "Controlled Tipping" under the supervision of the Council.

(d) The method of disposing of refuse of earth closets and privies is either by disposal as manure to Farmers, or by burying.

(e) The method of cleansing cesspools is by a covered horse drawn vehicle. There are very few cesspools in the district, and they are mostly on the outskirts.

(f) Arrangements for the disposal of cesspool contents - Spreading on Agricultural land.

(3) Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

(a) Number of Inspections made 109.

(b) Number of notices served during the year,
all informal notices 73

(c) Result of the service of such notices as
above. Number abated 73

(4) Smoke Abatement. The Local Bye Laws are now in operation and conditions have improved. A troublesome chimney stack has been removed and replaced with up to date mechanically stoked boilers from which no smoke nuisance occurs.

(5) The only common lodging house in the Urban Area is now closed.

4. Schools. Improvements are to be carried out by the Staffordshire Education Committee at the Heath Girls' Senior School, and a new Boys' School is to be erected near the Heath.

SECTION D - HOUSING.

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year:-
 - (1) (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (Under Public Health or Housing Acts) 26
 - (b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose 26
 - (2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which are inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 25
 - (b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose 15
 - (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 5
These houses are now being improved.
 - (4) Number of dwelling houses (excluding those referred to under the preceeding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation Nil
2. Remedy of defects during the year with service of formal notices.
 - (1) Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officer 71
3. Action under statutory Powers during the year.
 - (a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 & 16 of the Housing Act, 1936
 - (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. Only informal notices have been served and have been included in previous parts of the Report.
 - (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-
 - (a) By Owners. See remarks under Item (1)
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners. See remarks under Item (1).
 - (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts
 - (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. Only informal notices have been served and have been included in previous parts of this Report.
 - (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices
 - (a) By Owners. See remarks under Item (1).
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners. See remarks under Item (1).
 - (c) Proceedings under Sections 11 & 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.
 - (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 1
 - (2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition Orders. The above Bungalow is to be demolished as soon as alternative accommodation has been provided.
 - (d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act 1936.
 - (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing Orders were made. Undertaking given by Owners not to re-occupy for Human Habitation 2

There are no underground living rooms in the Urban Area.

- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit. Nil.

SECTION E. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

- (a) Milk Supply. The general quality of the Milk continues to improve, and more milk producers are registering as Certified Milk Producers. Considerable improvements have been carried out at several Farms, and further improvements are anticipated.
- (b) Meat for Human consumption is inspected in the Slaughter Houses and when exposed for sale, and a careful watch is kept on cattle before slaughter in conjunction with the Veterinary Inspectors. Diseased meat and Tubercular cattle are disposed of to the holder of a Knacker Licence in the Uttoxeter Rural District, and so preventing same from being sold for Human consumption. The Private Slaughter Houses are regularly Whitewashed.
- (c) The inspections of foodstuffs are carried out in the shops, and periodically in the Open Market on Market Days. Food discovered as unsuitable is certified as such and destroyed.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

Stan. A. Pring

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